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SUBJECT: POST CEASEFIRE II INFILTRATION

EMBASSY COMMENT: MG NGHI HAS SUBSEQUENTLY GIVEN PERMISSION TO CONGEN PERSONNEL TO INTERROGATE SUBJECT PRISONERS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW THROUGH OTHER REPORTING CHANNELS.

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON FROM CAN THO JULY 2
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QUOTE CAN THO 0527

1. MGEN NGHI INFORMED THE CONSUL GENERAL JULY 1 THAT RVNAF UNITS HAD CAPTURED 4 NVA INVILTRATORS ON JUNE 23 CLOSE TO THE KIEN GIANG - CHUONG THIEN BORDER. THE NVA CROSSED INTO KIEN GIANG JUNE 19, FOUR DAYS AFTER CEASEFIRE II. THEY LEFT HANOI IN JANUARY.

2. ACCORDING TO NGHI THE PRISONERS SAY THEY BELONGED TO THE FIRST OF FOUR OR FIVE INFILTRATION GROUPS DESTINED FOR VC MR III, THE SOUTHERN DELTA. THEY WERE EXPECTED TO JOIN THE D-1 AND 95 - A REGIMENTS IN CHUONG THIEN, TO BRING THESE UNITS UP TO STRENGTH. THE D-1 AND 95- A HAVE BEEN HEAVILY

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COMMITTED IN RECENT CHUONG THIEN FIGHTING. EACH INFILTRATION GROUP AVERAGES 400 TO 500 MEN. THE PRISONERS SAID THEY WERE TOLD TO EXPECT TO PARTICIPATE IN A PRE- GENERAL ELECTION OFFENSIVE.

3. IN ADDITION TO NVA FILLERS THE INFILTRATION GROUPS ARE BRINGING A NUMBER OF " HIGH LEVEL CIVILIAN CADRE." NGHI UNDERSTANDS THE CADRE ARE SOUTHERN REGROUPERS.

4. NGHI, THE MR IV COMMANDER, INSTRUCTED HIS JMC CHIEF TO MAKE THE PRISONERS AVAILABLE TO THE ICCS FOR DEBRIEFING. VON NOSTITZ, REGION VII CANDEL, TOLD NGHI HE WAS READY TO MEET WITH THEM THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 4.

5. NO NEW PERSONNEL ARE BEING INFILTRATED INTO VC MR II, THE NORTHERN DELTA, ACCORDING TO THE MR IV COMMANDER. SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS, INCLUDING ONE SHIPMENT OF 14 TONS OF AMMUNITION, ARE COMING DOWN THE 1 - A SUPPLY TRAIL. SIGNED LEHMANN UNQUOTE WHITEHOUSE

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